Dear, thoughtful Jan, 12/16/88

You went to all that trouble and expense just to make things easier for me. ow very good of you!

Only it does not work that way for several reasons. First of all, listening to the spoken word takes ever so much more time that reading. Second, I've had a hearing defect for years, not bad on the phone but despite two hearing aids the trebles are my hearing problem. Women's voices. I can't take the time to listen to tapes now because I have so much less time. And what I'm sorry you did not know, I can't take any time for the RFK cases. I am not an expert in it and I don't have enough time for the work I should be doing.

I read you chatty, long p.s as soon as I got the mail, then put the tape on and was interrupted five times while listenong to it, four times by the phone and once by our medical insurance representative.

Getting burned by self-seekers and the sefl-important is not at all unusual. Nor is being deceived and misled and lied to. There are all kinds of people in all walks of life and we have our share. I'll get to this in abbreviated form soon.

My own belief is that nothing new and significant is likely to surface on the RFK case except possibly through examination of the stuff in Sacramento and plenty of people are doing that. I think if you try to develop anything new it will lead to frustration and futility. I don't know t e condition of your files bub if you want them to be of use to others you might spend time organizing them. I don't know wht Phil Melanson hasn't answered you but he has a full-time teaching job, has his archive to work on and I think he is writing a book on the King case. He didn't tell me this but I think I heard it.

You regard some people as dependable and I think they are not. Of these I mention only Morrow. He is a fraud. He makes it all up, particularly "Getrayal." I knew he made it all up when I read the second paragraph. I liad it aside when I finished the second chapter.

He is, I understand, a convicred forger. When Betrayal was out I agreed to debate him on a radio station, by phone. He'd agreed and when he learned he was to have me on the other phone he cnacelled. There is so much of this! And most people are not able to detect it.

Then there are those to whom almost anyone else is some kind of agent. Take Penn Jones, for example. When I saved Jim Garrison for a terrible mistake that would have been very hurtful, Penn immediately started calling me a CIA agent. It is is irresponsibles who eliminate their need for agents. These kind do their work. They don't need others and don't have to do it for themselves. Alas, it is this way. Penn was himself pretty wild abd with the bes of intentions launched many fictions as fact. I've not heard from him in years. Last I heard he had moved and wasn't interested any more. Living with a younger woman. No question in my mind about his intentions but he was paranoid when I first met him and he got worse.

In the end Ray's situation may be better than it was becuse with his earlier experience he should be more valuable in management as he learns more about management. I hope so for both of you!

Most of the critics are after eacy other much of the time. I try to stay out of that and succeed to a large extent. What a great time-taker and how little comes of any of it that is in any way useful. For the most part I get along well with most.

Most of the people I help I don't agree with. I don't try to tell them what to say or believe unless they ask. I consider that FOIA makes me surrogate for the epople and I try to meet that responsibility. Some are petty, some very wrong, some think nobody else knows anything or understands anything and most of them merely mislead, misinform and confuse. This was true of all the TV specials I saw except one, Reasonable Doubt that was in A & E cable. If you've heard of the John H.Davis book, Mafia Kingfish, that is an example of how some of those characters are and act. I have a thick file representing a considerable amount of time I spent answering his inquiries. Because I could not do the searching for him I got a senior from a local college and she worked for him a consdiera le part of the time she could get for a semester. I have no idea what she sent him but it was quite a bit. So, his book is out and he hasn't sent me a copy. I don't care that much and I don't get everything that come out because most of it is a waste of time of which I have so little. But what kind of person is he if he behaves this way?

Just an example because you go into such things. There are other examples but no need for them. You have to expect this and forget it.

I did the same thing for the Anderson show and they gave me credit, i Understand. They promised me a cassettte, I've reminded them twice and they haven't sent it. I won't look at it. I want it for archival purposes only. Again, they are not the only ones.

Soden't let things get to you. It is par so live with it andpay no attention to it. Ignore it and them to the degree you can.

I'm sorry I can't take time for the RFK case of no matter how pleasant they are for long chatty correspondence. I can't begin to keep up and there is so much that has accumulated. I am seeing better to type, not that the typing will be better. Please escuse my not correcting the typose. If you do as you read it will work out and you'll understand. It is now 4 p.m., I've been up 12 hours and except for reading the morning papers and my walking therapy I've been able to do nothing that I'd planned today. Thanks for your good wishes. I go back to the hospital for the next check 1/12. I m hoping they then take the stitch(es) out and prescribe new glasses! Reading this type strains me too much on the poorer eye and it is fizzy in the corrected eye, may be for a while yet from what others tell me.

Fensterwald is not an agent, by the way. I know him well and I've seen copies in fact have copies of some of the CIA and FBI spying on him. This doe not mean that on many things I do not agree with him for I don't. I've never joined any of his organizations. I also don't subscribe to any of the newsletters. A couple are sent me free. I'm not interested in gossip and too many of those people are utterly lost and don't have the slightest idea of what they are talking about. I have nothing against any of those putting them out abd rather like most but what they turn out does not interest me and I don't want any one to think I am favoring any others over them. Goota close but I want to say that we are all indebted to Ted for the recording he has done. If he hadn't done it most of it would never have been done. I think he just appeared yesterday or the day before with Garrison at a press conference on Jim's book. Best to you, have a good holiday and a fine year and to try to reduce you involvement in so many things that trouble you, as they should, which is why you ought try todistance yourself as much as you can,

Love,

Harold